PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph CAUTHEN III)) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/075,615) Examiner: David J. Isabella
Filed: February 15, 2002) Confirmation No.: 2841
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS REPAIR RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT)))
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
Sir:	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition for a four-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of November 30, 2006. A fee of \$1,590.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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